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SUPERGIRL
PRESENTS
MALCOLM THE MYSTERIOUS
SEE HIM MAKE LINDA DANVERS FLOAT IN THE AIR... WITHOUT THE USE OF WIRES!
AND SEE HIM PERFORM EVEN GREATER FEATS WITHOUT SUPERGIRL'S AID...
THEN TRY TO GUESS THE FANTASTIC SECRET OF...
THE MYSTERY MAGICIAN
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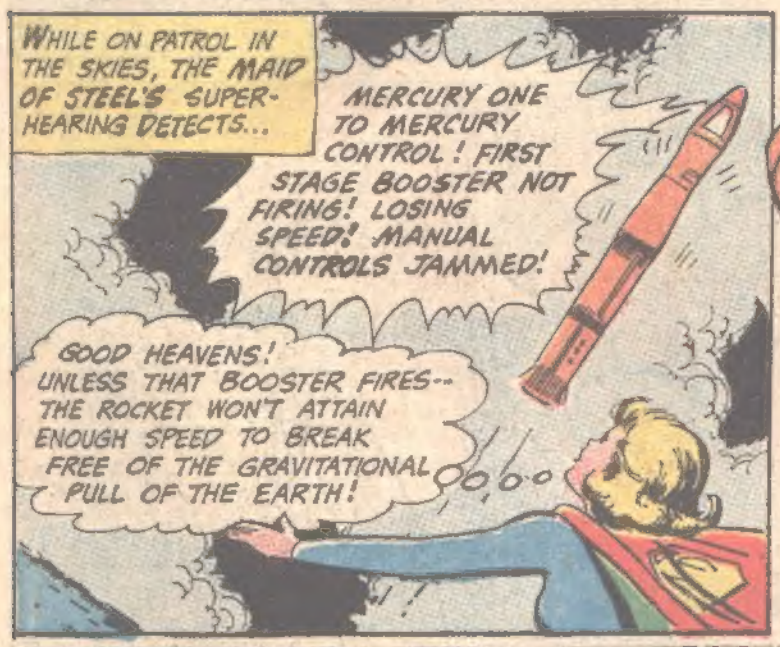
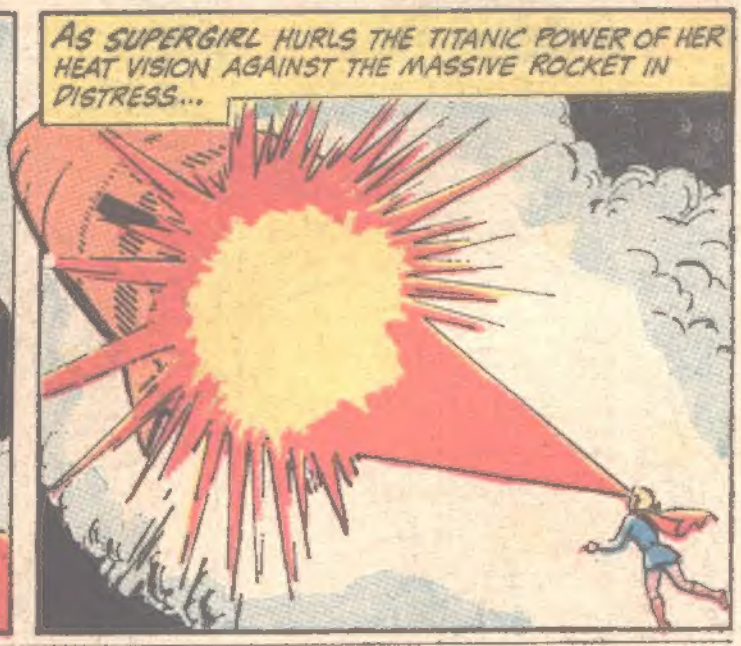

WHILE ON PATROL IN THE SKIES, THE MAID OF STEEL'S SUPER-HEARING DETECTS...
MERCURY ONE TO MERCURY CONTROL! FIRST STAGE BOOSTER NOT FIRING! LOSING SPEED! MANUAL CONTROLS JAMMED!
GOOD HEAVENS! UNLESS THAT BOOSTER FIRES-- THE ROCKET WON'T ATTAIN ENOUGH SPEED TO BREAK FREE OF THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF THE EARTH!



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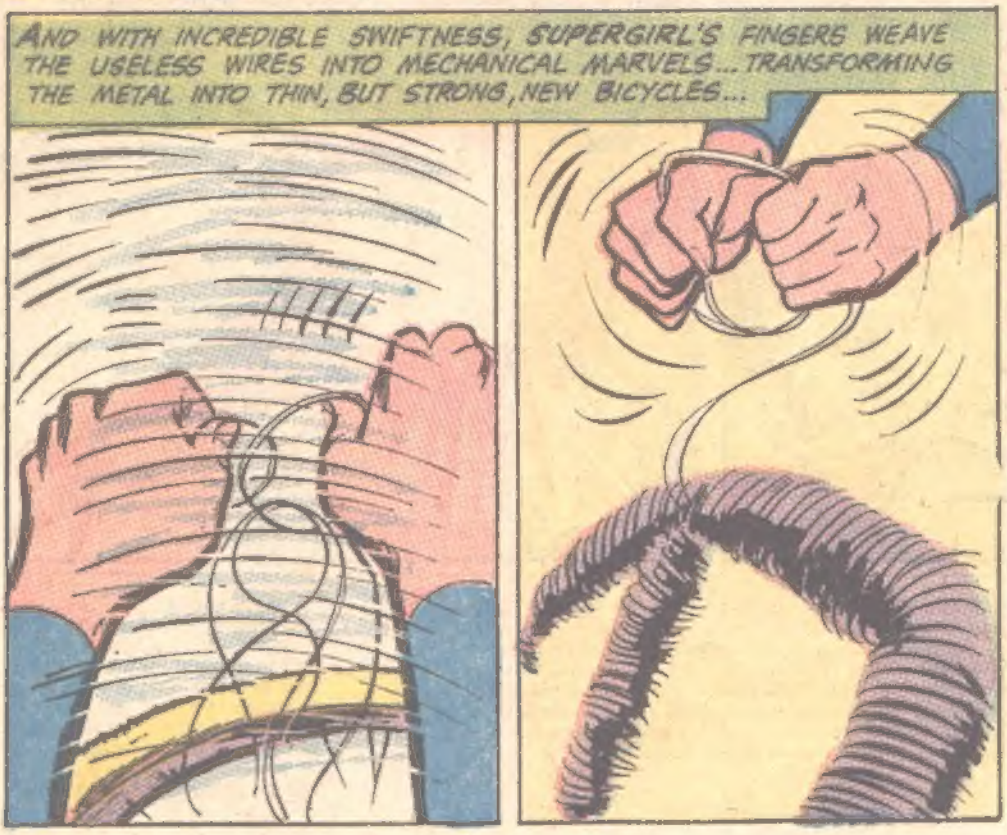
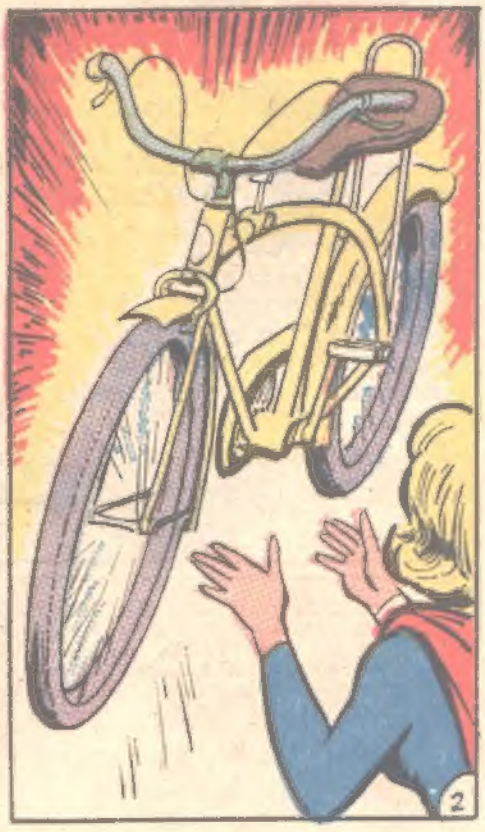
...SHE CREATES AN UPDRAFT WITH A FORCE WHICH DWARFS THAT OF A TORNADO, UNTIL...
MERCURY ONE TO MERCURY CONTROL! GOT A PROBLEM FOR YOUR COMPUTERS! FIRST STAGE BOOSTER DIDN'T FIRE! BUT WE'RE ON OUR WAY, JUST THE SAME... AT MAXIMUM SPEED! ALL CONTROLS A-OK!
WHROOOOOOOOSH

SHORTLY, AS SUPERGIRL DIVES EARTHWARD...
NO USE, KIDS! THIS BIKE'S FINISHED! NO MORE RIDES!

NO DISTRESS SIGNAL, NO MATTER HOW FAINT, ESCAPES THE MIDVALE MARVEL'S SYMPATHETIC HEART...
SUPERGIRL! THINK YOU CAN FIX OUR BIKE?
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S READY FOR THE JUNKHEAP... BUT I'LL TRY!


AND WITH INCREDIBLE SWIFTNESS, SUPERGIRL'S FINGERS WEAVE THE USELESS WIRES INTO MECHANICAL MARVELS... TRANSFORMING THE METAL INTO THIN, BUT STRONG, NEW BICYCLES...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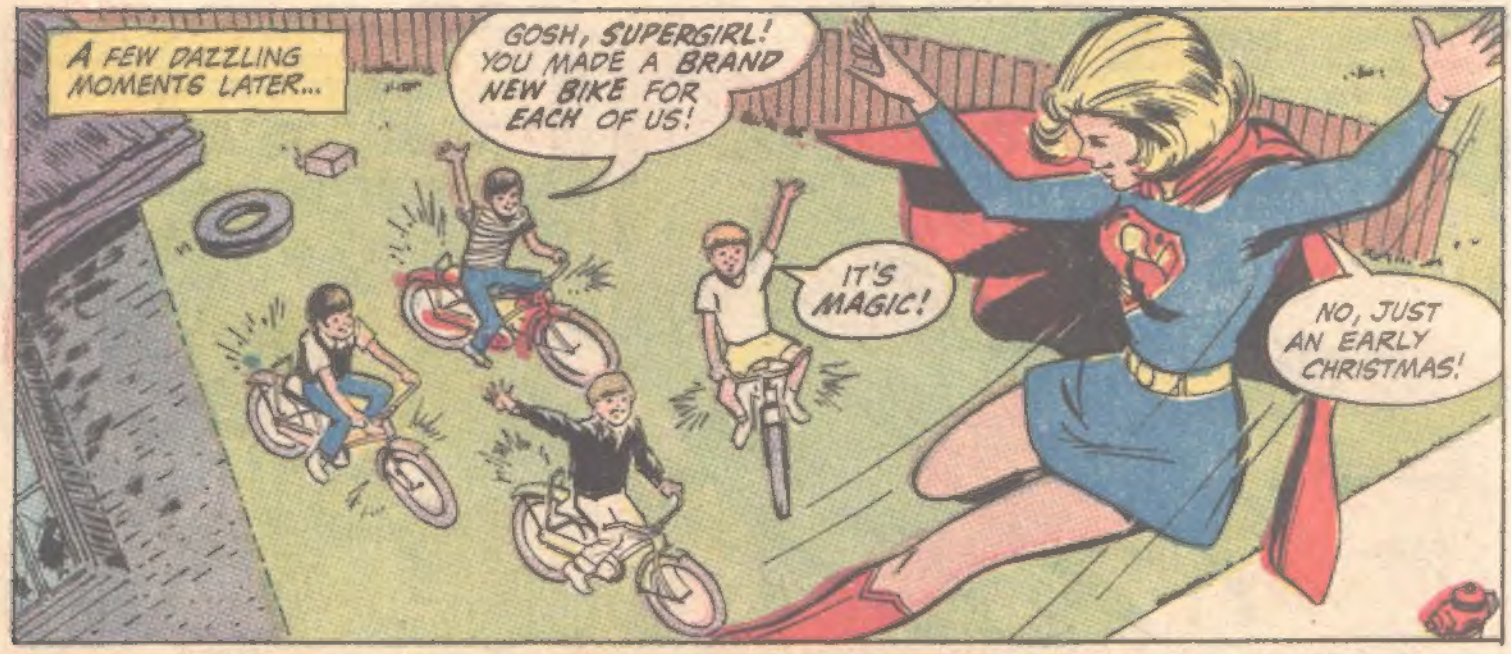
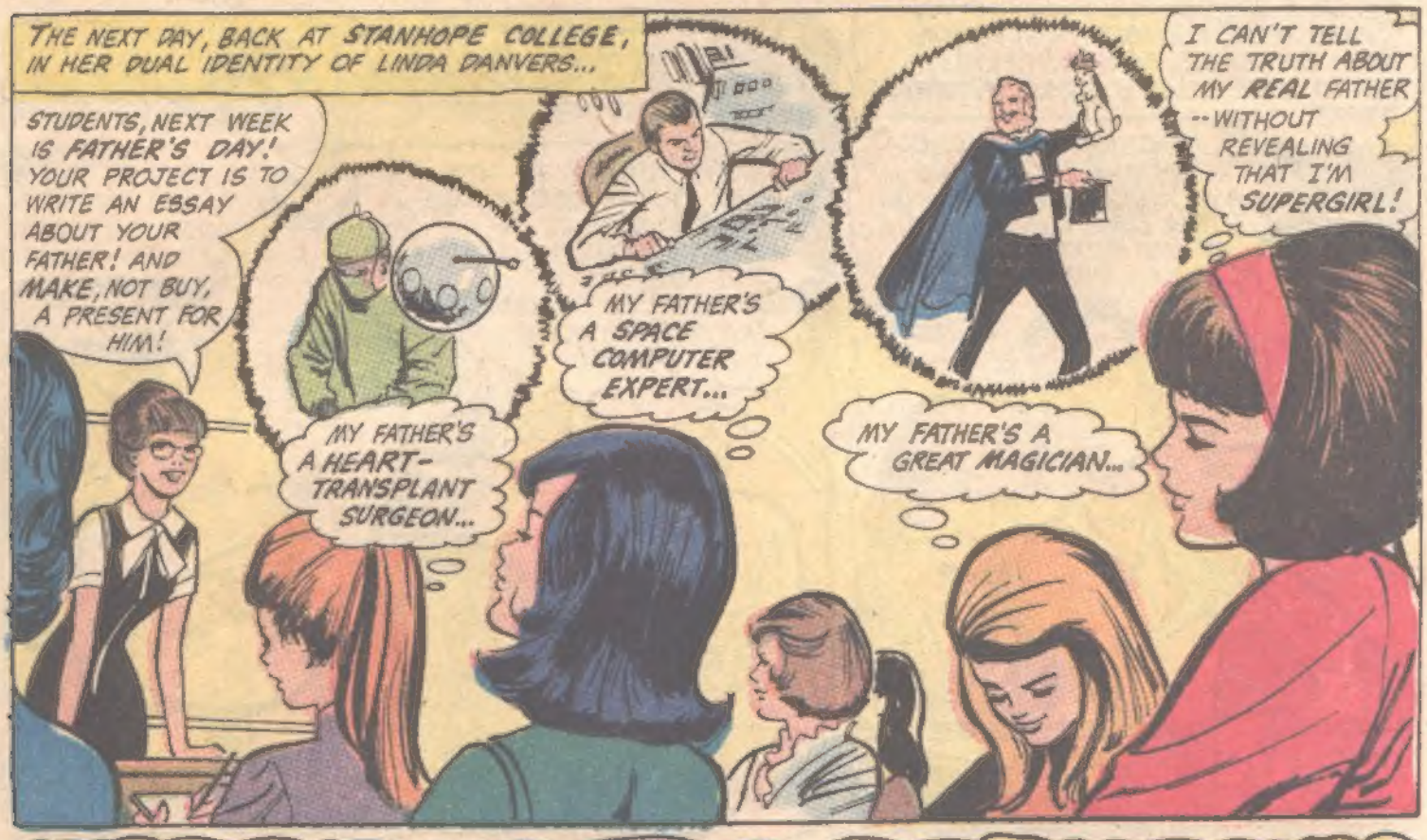
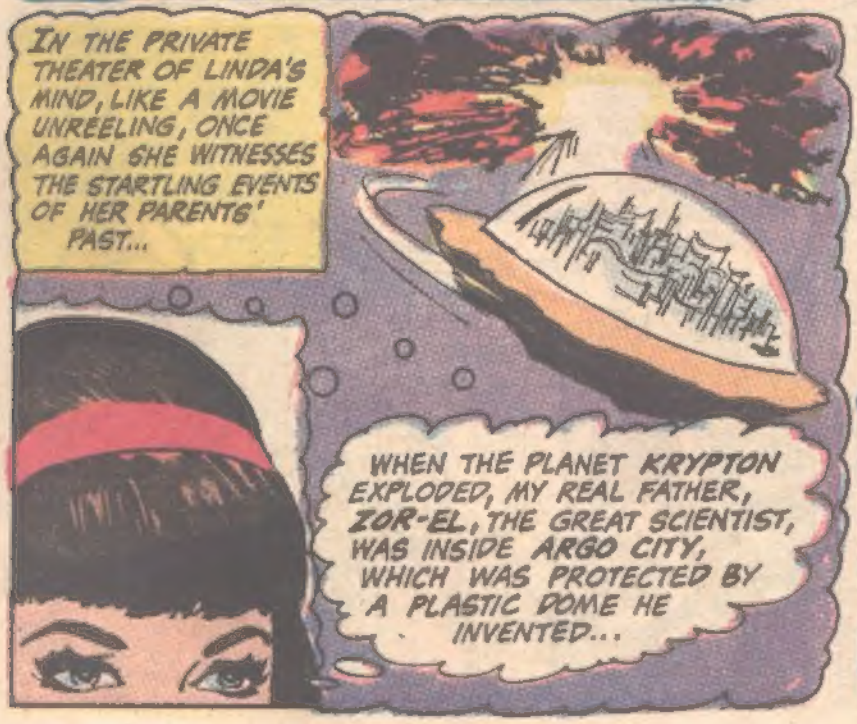

A FEW DAZZLING MOMENTS LATER...
GOSH, SUPERGIRL! YOU MADE A BRAND NEW BIKE FOR EACH OF US!
IT'S MAGIC!
NO, JUST AN EARLY CHRISTMAS!


THE NEXT DAY, BACK AT STANHOPE COLLEGE, IN HER DUAL IDENTITY OF LINDA DANVERS...
STUDENTS, NEXT WEEK IS FATHER'S DAY! YOUR PROJECT IS TO WRITE AN ESSAY ABOUT YOUR FATHER! AND MAKE, NOT BUY, A PRESENT FOR HIM!
MY FATHER'S A HEART-TRANSPLANT SURGEON...
MY FATHER'S A SPACE COMPUTER EXPERT...
MY FATHER'S A GREAT MAGICIAN...
I CAN'T TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT MY REAL FATHER --WITHOUT REVEALING THAT I'M SUPERGIRL!


IN THE PRIVATE THEATER OF LINDA'S MIND, LIKE A MOVIE UNREELING, ONCE AGAIN SHE WITNESSES THE STARTLING EVENTS OF HER PARENTS' PAST...
WHEN THE PLANET KRYPTON EXPLODED, MY REAL FATHER, ZOR-EL, THE GREAT SCIENTIST, WAS INSIDE ARGO CITY, WHICH WAS PROTECTED BY A PLASTIC DOME HE INVENTED...

"AFTER MY FATHER MARRIED MY MOTHER, ALURA, I WAS BORN...BUT WHEN ARGO CITY WAS DOOMED BY KRYPTONITE..."
AT LEAST I CAN SEND OUR DAUGHTER TO SAFETY ON THE PLANET EARTH, IN THE ROCKET I BUILT!

FAREWELL...KARA! OH, ZOR-EL! MY HEART WILL BREAK WITHOUT HER!
JUST THINK OF HER BEING SAFE ON EARTH, WHERE MY BROTHER'S SON, SUPERMAN, LIVES!
"BUT DAD INVENTED A UNIQUE RAY GUN, WHICH PROJECTED HIM AND ALURA INTO A WEIRD DIMENSION, A 'SURVIVAL ZONE'..."
"YEARS AFTER, I HELPED THEM ESCAPE FROM THE ZONE. LATER THEY CALLED ME TO SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS, WHERE..."
DAD! MOTHER!
WE COULDN'T FORCE YOU TO CHOOSE BETWEEN US AND YOUR FOSTER PARENTS, WHO LOVE YOU, TOO! LOOK AT THE BOTTLE ON THE TABLE--AND YOU'LL SEE MY SOLUTION!
"LIKE A GIGANTIC GULLIVER, I GASPED AT THE MICROSCOPIC BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR!"
WE'VE DECIDED TO LIVE HERE IN KANDOR, AMONG OTHER SURVIVORS OF KRYPTON! NOW YOU'LL HAVE TWO SETS OF PARENTS... US IN KANDOR, AND THE DANVERS, ON EARTH!
AS LINDA'S INCREDIBLE MEMORIES END...
MY FOSTER FATHER, FRED DANVERS, IS A BRILLIANT ELECTRONICS ENGINEER...
THAT EVENING...
SO YOUR FATHER IS MALCOLM THE MYSTERIOUS? HUH! IF HE'S SUCH A GREAT MAGICIAN, WHY HAVEN'T I READ ANYTHING ABOUT HIM?
FATHER... RETIRED...

RETIRED? HUMPH! HE WAS PROBABLY HOOTED OFF THE STAGE!
LEAVE HARRIET ALONE, VERA! CONCENTRATE ON MAKING A PRESENT FOR YOUR FATHER!
HERE, HARRIET! WIPE YOUR EYES AND TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE FOR A GREAT MAGICIAN!
N-NOTHING, LINDA! H-HE PROBABLY WON'T EVEN VISIT ME ON FATHER'S DAY! SINCE MOTHER DIED, TEN YEARS AGO, HE'S GIVEN UP EVERYTHING! HE JUST HAUNTS OUR HOUSE-- L-LIKE A GHOST!
MY GIRLISH INTUITION TELLS ME YOUR FATHER IS GOING TO VISIT YOU, HARRIET! AND I'LL HELP YOU MAKE A PRESENT FOR HIM!
B-BUT WHAT CAN WE MAKE FOR A MAGICIAN?
FROM THE NEARBY DESK, LINDA WHISKS UP A RULER...
WHAT ELSE BUT A MAGIC WAND?
THAT EVENING, LINDA'S X-RAY VISION AND SUPER-HEARING REVEAL A HEART-BROKEN HARRIET IN THE NEXT ROOM...
:SOB:-:SOB:... D-DAD WON'T VISIT ME... EVEN THOUGH I BEGGED HIM... ON THE PHONE... :SOB:-:SOB:
I CAN'T LET HARRIET BE THE LONELIEST GIRL IN STANHOPE ON FATHER'S DAY!
SWIFTLY, LINDA SWITCHES TO HER SUPER-IDENTITY...
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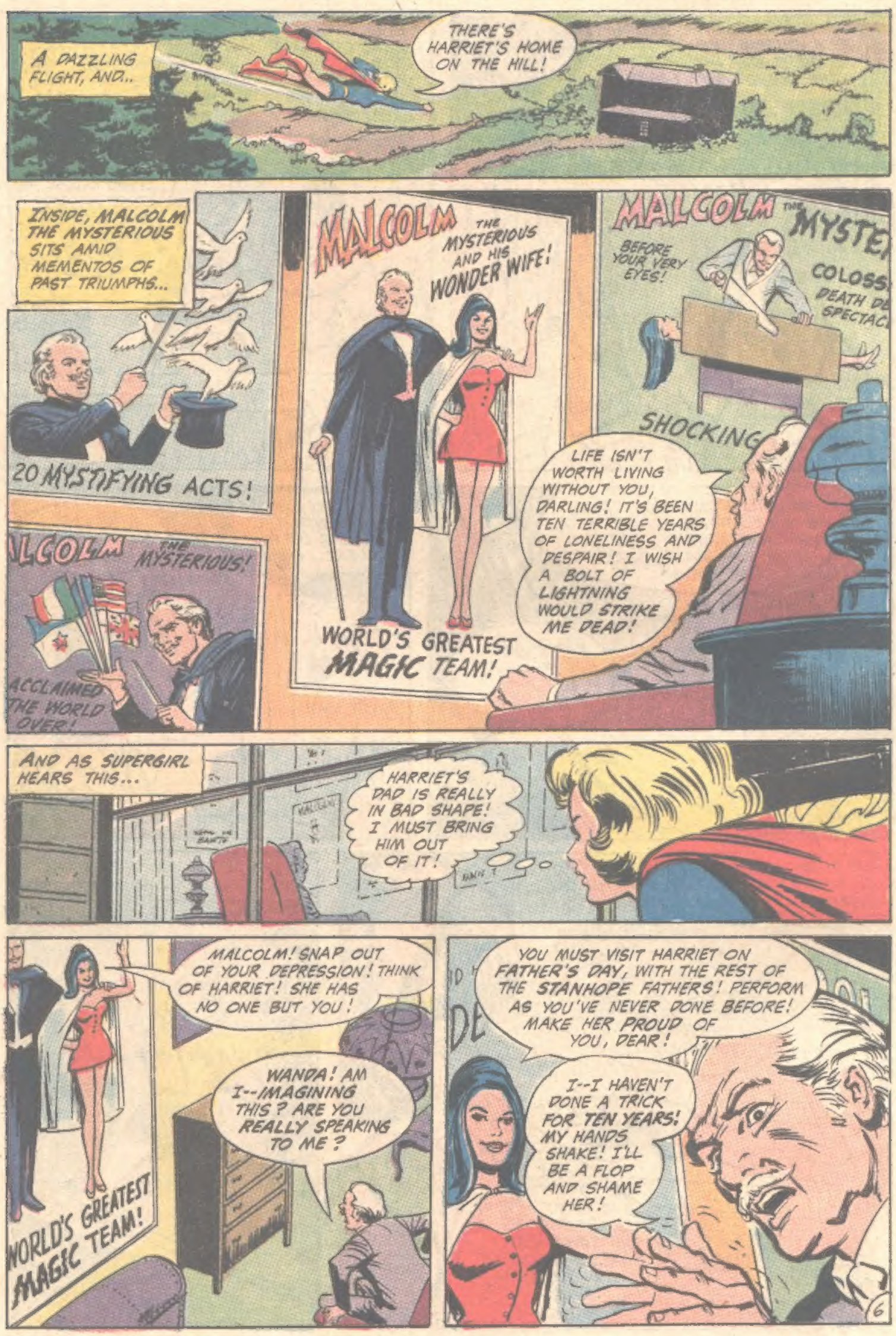
A DAZZLING FLIGHT, AND..
THERE'S HARRIET'S HOME ON THE HILL!
INSIDE, MALCOLM THE MYSTERIOUS SITS AMID MEMENTOS OF PAST TRIUMPHS...
20 MYSTIFYING ACTS!
MALCOLM THE MYSTERIOUS AND HIS WONDER WIFE!
WORLD'S GREATEST MAGIC TEAM!
MALCOLM THE MYSTE
BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES!
COLOSS
DEATH DE
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SHOCKING
LIFE ISN'T WORTH LIVING WITHOUT YOU, DARLING! IT'S BEEN TEN TERRIBLE YEARS OF LONELINESS AND DESPAIR! I WISH A BOLT OF LIGHTNING WOULD STRIKE ME DEAD!
MALCOLM THE MYSTERIOUS!
ACCLAIMED THE WORLD OVER!
AND AS SUPERGIRL HEARS THIS...
HARRIET'S DAD IS REALLY IN BAD SHAPE! I MUST BRING HIM OUT OF IT!
MALCOLM! SNAP OUT OF YOUR DEPRESSION! THINK OF HARRIET! SHE HAS NO ONE BUT YOU!
WANDA! AM I--IMAGINING THIS? ARE YOU REALLY SPEAKING TO ME?
WORLD'S GREATEST MAGIC TEAM!
YOU MUST VISIT HARRIET ON FATHER'S DAY, WITH THE REST OF THE STANHOPE FATHERS! PERFORM AS YOU'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE! MAKE HER PROUD OF YOU, DEAR!
I--I HAVEN'T DONE A TRICK FOR TEN YEARS! MY HANDS SHAKE! I'LL BE A FLOP AND SHAME HER!
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YOU WON'T FAIL! I PROMISE YOU! YOU'LL BE A GREAT SUCCESS! AND YOU'LL RETURN TO THE STAGE! NOW GO, AND SELECT THE TRICKS FOR YOUR COMEBACK PERFORMANCE!
IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE... A VOICE FROM THE DEAD... BUT I'LL DO AS YOU SAY!
MALCOLM DIDN'T GUESS THAT I WAS USING MY SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM TO CREATE THE ILLUSION THAT HIS WIFE SPOKE TO HIM! I HOPE HE WON'T FAIL HARRIET NOW!
ON FATHER'S DAY...
MY FATHER COULDN'T COME! HE'S WORKING ON AN OIL DEAL IN ALASKA! HE SENT ME A $1,000 CHECK INSTEAD!
WHERE'S YOUR FATHER, HARRIET? CAN'T THE GREAT MAGICIAN EVEN MAKE HIMSELF APPEAR?
H-HE--
MALCOLM THE MYSTERIOUS WILL MAKE HIS ENTRANCE WHEN HE'S READY! DON'T WORRY, HARRIET!
AS THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN...
WHY, AMY! A CERAMIC HEART! JUST THE THING A SURGEON NEEDS TO STUDY BEFORE HE DOES A HEART-TRANSPLANT!
AN ABACUS? FOR ME, EMILY? IT'LL COME IN HANDY IF MY COMPUTERS BREAK DOWN! AT LEAST I'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO COUNT ON!
HA-- HA-- HA!
HA! HA!
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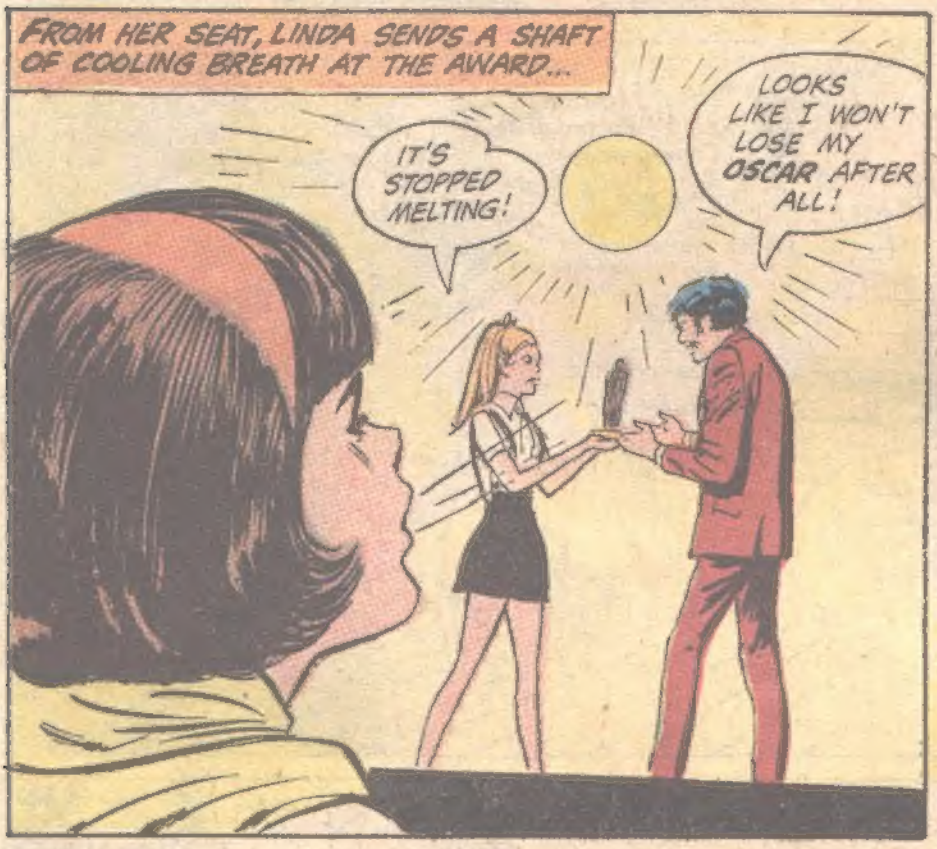
ON AND ON STREAM THE STUDENTS AND THEIR FATHERS ONSTAGE...
HOPE YOU LIKE IT, DAD!
AS AN ELECTRONICS ENGINEER, LINDA, I COULDN'T BUILD A BETTER HYDRO-ELECTRIC DAM OUT OF TOOTHPICKS, MYSELF!

ANOTHER GIRL HAS A TASTY GIFT FOR HER DAD, A MOVIE ACTOR...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I EVER WON AN OSCAR... EVEN A CHOCOLATE ONE! THANKS, GLORIA!
OH, DAD! THE SUN'S MELTING IT!


FROM HER SEAT, LINDA SENDS A SHAFT OF COOLING BREATH AT THE AWARD...
IT'S STOPPED MELTING!
LOOKS LIKE I WON'T LOSE MY OSCAR AFTER ALL!

YOUR MOTHER HAS A BAD COLD, LINDA! I HOPE YOU WON'T MIND IF I HURRY HOME TO HER NOW?
OF COURSE NOT, DAD!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR MAGICIAN FATHER HAS STAGE FRIGHT, HARRIET! IT'S GETTING LATE! WHERE IS HE?

AS HARRIET'S HEART ALMOST REACHES THE BREAKING POINT...
DIDN'T THINK I'D DISAPPOINT MY LITTLE GIRL, DID YOU, HONEY?
OH, DAD! I--I WAS AFRAID--
HARRIET--YOU DROPPED YOUR FATHER'S PRESENT!

FOR YOU! WITH LOVE!
A STEEL "MAGIC" WAND! I'LL USE IT INSTEAD OF MY OWN FOR MY FIRST PERFORMANCE AT STANHOPE! I'M COMING OUT OF RETIREMENT!
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YOUR FATHER CAN'T MAKE THE DUMMY SING! HE'S A HAS-BEEN!
MALCOLM'S VOCAL CORDS ARE PARALYZED FROM NERVOUSNESS! I'LL HAVE TO BE HIS OFFSTAGE ASSISTANT!
AS LINDA PROJECTS HER SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM AT THE DUMMY ONSTAGE...
BABY, BABY, ROCK--AROUND THE CLOCK--
:GULP--GULP:...I--I'M DOING IT! THE WAY I USED TO! MAYBE I HAVEN'T LOST MY TOUCH!
WHILE THE AUDIENCE APPLAUDS...
BAH! YOUR FATHER MUST HAVE SOMEONE HELPING HIM SECRETLY!
NO--HE'S A GREAT MAGICIAN! YOU'LL SEE!
I HOPE MALCOLM'S RECOVERED ENOUGH TO PERFORM HIS NEXT TRICK SUCESSFULLY! VERA'S AS SHARP AS RADAR!
I NEED A VOLUNTEER FROM THE AUDIENCE FOR MY NEXT FEAT... A DEMONSTRATION OF THE AMAZING ART OF LEVITATION I LEARNED IN MYSTERIOUS INDIA!
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HERE'S WHERE I EXPOSE THAT FRAUD--UHHHNN--?
EXCUSE ME, VERA!
AS TENSE MOMENTS PASS...
UNLIKE OTHER MAGICIANS, I WILL MAKE THIS YOUNG LADY RISE FROM A STANDING POSITION! CHUNKA RU ANNA! RISE! RISE LIKE A FEATHER!
THE EQUIPMENT ISN'T WORKING! HARRIET'S HEART WILL BREAK IF HER FATHER FAILS IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE!
A GASP BURSTS FROM THE ENTHRALLED WATCHERS, AS...
LEVITATION'S A SNAP FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME, WHO CAN FLY!
LOOK!
:WHEW!: FOR A MINUTE I THOUGHT I'D FLOPPED! BUT MY OLD TOUCH IS COMING BACK! I'LL MAKE HARRIET PROUD OF ME!
AMAZING!
BUT SUDDENLY, VERA LEAPS TO THE STAGE...
GOOD HEAVENS! VERA'S EXPOSING MY SECRET IDENTITY!
KUBBA LEKKA--DESCEND! D--?
LOOK! NO WIRES TO RAISE AND LOWER LINDA! THAT MEANS SHE CAN FLY! ONLY ONE GIRL ON EARTH CAN DO THAT... SUPERGIRL!

EITHER ADMIT YOU'RE SUPERGIRL, LINDA, OR PROVE YOU'RE NOT, BY DOING EXACTLY AS I SAY! FOLLOW ME, IF YOU DARE!
I'VE NO CHOICE BUT TO OBEY!
IN A LAB IN THE BASEMENT OF THE BUILDING...
MOON ROCKS ON DISPLAY
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FROM THIS LEAD-LINED, WINDOWLESS ROOM WITHOUT REVEALING YOUR SUPERGIRL IDENTITY!
VERA'S JEALOUS BECAUSE HER OWN FATHER DIDN'T VISIT HER! BUT--HOW CAN I HELP MALCOLM WITHOUT LEAVING THIS ROOM? I CAN'T EVEN PIERCE THE LEAD WALLS WITH MY X-RAY VISION...
LATER...
NOW, LET'S SEE YOU ESCAPE FROM THESE LOCKED CHAINS WITHOUT SUPERGIRL'S HELP! AFTER I SNAPPED THEM SHUT MYSELF!
CLICK
IT'S THE MOMENT OF TRUTH! IS MY OLD TECHNIQUE BACK? OR WILL I HUMILIATE HARRIET BY LAYING A BOMB?
MINUTE AFTER MINUTE PASSES WITH AGONIZED SLOWNESS...
THE GREAT MALCOLM'S A FAKE! HE COULDN'T ESCAPE FROM A PAPER BAG!
OHH, NO--NO! POOR DAD!
SUDDENLY...
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SUCCESS! I MADE MY COMEBACK! NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW!
HE'S DONE IT! HE'S ESCAPING! BUT HOW--?
BUT THE STUBBORN VERA REMAINS ONSTAGE UNTIL...
SEE HOW EASILY I MAKE A 100-POUND METAL GLOBE OF THE EARTH BOUNCE UP AND DOWN--WITHOUT WIRES, OR AN ASSISTANT?
THERE'S ONLY ONE EXPLANATION
KLUNK
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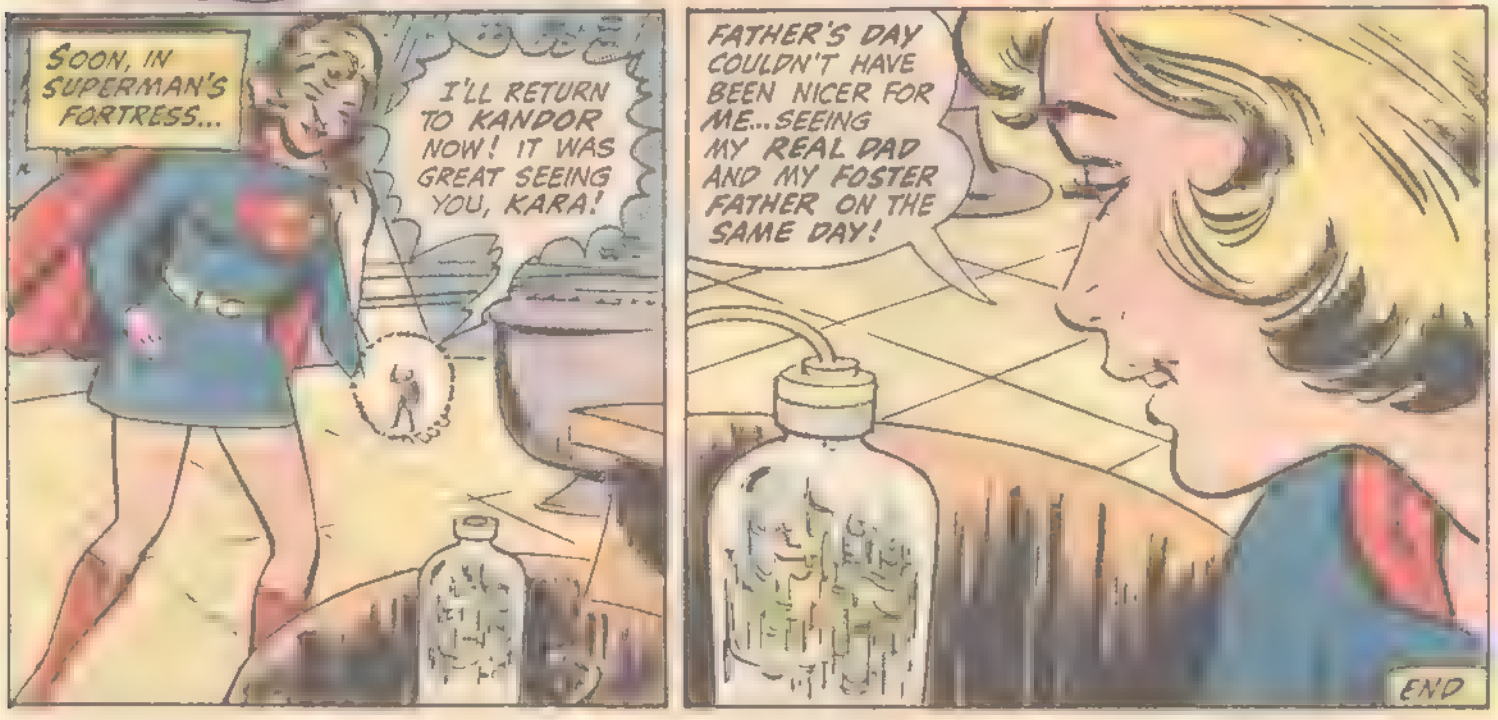
RUNNING TO THE SCHOOL BASEMENT...
MOON ROCKS DISPLAY
LINDA ESCAPED TO HELP THE FRAUD! AND THAT PROVES SHE'S SUPERGIRL!
IS THE SHOW OVER?
Y-YOU NEVER LEFT THE ROOM! YOU CAN'T BE SUPERGIRL!
LINDA REJOINS THE ELATED HARRIET...
LOOK! ONE OF DAD'S MOST FAMOUS TRICKS! PULLING A RABBIT OUT OF A ROSE! OHH-- I'M SO PROUD OF HIM!
MALCOLM HAS HIS CONFIDENCE BACK! HE'LL SUCCEED ON HIS OWN FROM NOW ON!
AS STUDENTS BID THEIR FATHERS FAREWELL, LINDA CHANGES BACK AGAIN INTO SUPERGIRL, UNOBSERVED..
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPER-ASSISTANCE, DAD! MALCOLM WOULD HAVE FLOPPED TODAY WITHOUT YOU!
ONLY THE MIDVALE MARVEL'S MICROSCOPIC VISION COULD DETECT THE TINY FIGURE OF HER REAL FATHER, ZOR-EL, IN HER PALM!
AS SOON AS YOUR SUPER-VENTRILOQUISTIC APPEAL FOR HELP REACHED ME IN THE BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR... IN SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE..
"...I KNEW YOUR SUPER-HEARING WOULD PICK UP MY ANSWER..."
DAD! THIS IS YOUR DAUGHTER, KARA! I'M LOCKED IN A LEAD-LINED ROOM AT STANHOPE! YOU'RE NEEDED DESPERATELY, TO HELP A MAGICIAN PERFORMING ON CAMPUS!
I'LL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY, KARA! ONCE OUTSIDE THE BOTTLE, I CAN FLY THERE AT SUPER-SPEED!

"I WAS SO TINY, NO ONE COULD SEE ME UNLOCK MALCOLM'S BONDS!"
SNAP!
"IT WAS SIMPLE HELPING HIM WITH THE REST OF HIS FEATS...ESPECIALLY SINCE..."
INGENIOUS! KARA HAS ALREADY SECRETLY MAGNETIZED THE MAGICIAN'S STEEL WAND! THAT'S WHY IT MOVES THE IRON BALL!


SOON, IN SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS...
I'LL RETURN TO KANDOR NOW! IT WAS GREAT SEEING YOU, KARA!
FATHER'S DAY COULDN'T HAVE BEEN NICER FOR ME...SEEING MY REAL DAD AND MY FOSTER FATHER ON THE SAME DAY!
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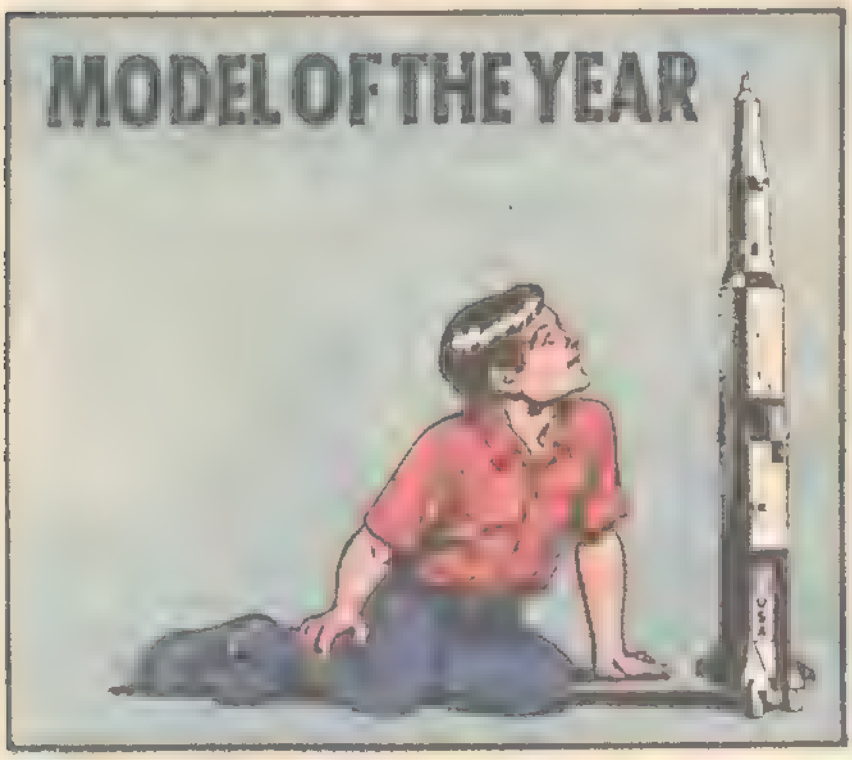

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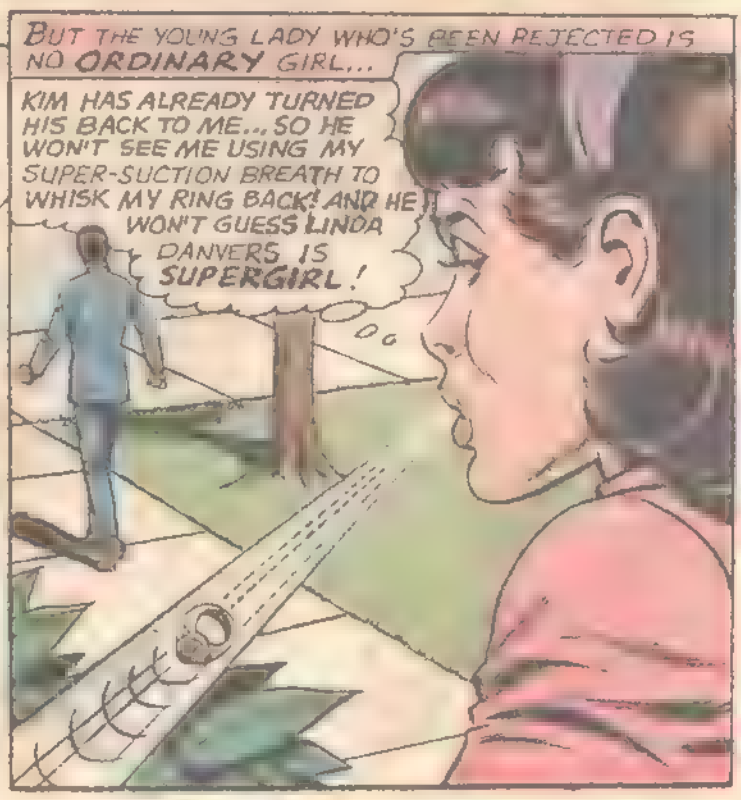
A FUN HAPPENING FROM DC

SUPERGIRL
NO! KIM... THE BOY I LOVED... BLOWN TO BITS! AND IT'S MY FAULT!
THE USUAL PLOT FOR A MOVIE LOVE STORY GOES LIKE THIS: BOY MEETS GIRL, BOY LOSES GIRL, BUT BOY FINALLY WINS GIRL. HOWEVER, THIS TIME THERE'S A GRIM SWITCH: BOY MEETS SUPERGIRL, BOY SPLITS FROM SUPERGIRL, BUT FINALLY BOY GETS KILLED BY SUPERGIRL! IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE WE'RE GIVING YOU THIS SHOCKING TWIST ON THE USUAL HAPPY-ENDING BOY-MEETS-GIRL THEME, READ...
"SUPERGIRL'S JILTED BOY FRIENDS!"

ON THE STANHOPE COLLEGE CAMPUS, A YOUNG MAN SHOUTS ANGRILY AT A LOVE-STRUCK GIRL...
I DON'T WANT YOUR WORTHLESS CLASS RING, LINDA! HOW CAN I GET THROUGH TO YOU-- ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU DISGUSTS ME!


BUT THE YOUNG LADY WHO'S BEEN REJECTED IS NO ORDINARY GIRL...
KIM HAS ALREADY TURNED HIS BACK TO ME... SO HE WON'T SEE ME USING MY SUPER-SUCTION BREATH TO WHISK MY RING BACK! AND HE'LL WON'T GUESS LINDA DANVERS IS SUPERGIRL!

SUDDENLY, AN INSPIRATION HITS THE MARVEL MAID...
ALL LINDA COULD OFFER KIM WAS A RING... BUT AS SUPERGIRL, I COULD REALLY HAND HIM A SUPER-GIFT!
ALL THE MATERIALS I NEED ARE AT THE COUNTY DUMP!
AND JUST AN EYE-BLINK LATER...
THERE ISN'T A GUY ON EARTH WHO WOULDN'T DO A TRIPLE-FLIP FOR THIS! AND WITH MY POWERS, I CAN MANUFACTURE IT 100 TIMES FASTER THAN ANY FACTORY'S ASSEMBLY LINE!
FIRST I'LL MELT DOWN THE SCRAP WITH MY HEAT VISION!
LESS THAN AN HOUR HAS GONE BY, WHEN...
HELLO AGAIN, KIM! I... UH... BROUGHT A LITTLE PRESENT FOR YOU!
YEAH? BUT HAS IT GOT ANY SPEED?
WOW! WHAT A SNAZZY SET OF WHEELS! BUT I MUSTN'T LET SUPERGIRL KNOW I'M IMPRESSED!
WELL, I GUESS IT WOULDN'T HURT TO TAKE THE MERCHANDISE FOR A TRIAL SPIN!
WHEN I GET THROUGH, SHE'LL WISH SHE'D NEVER PUT THIS DREAM-CAR TOGETHER!
A MOMENT LATER, THE AUTO IS EATING UP THE ROAD AT BREAKNECK SPEED...
THIS THING STEERS LIKE A MOVING VAN. THE SEATS ARE UNCOMFORTABLE! AND THE BRAKES AREN'T QUICK ENOUGH!
HOW CAN HE BE SO CRITICAL? THIS CAR IS PERFECT!
VRROOM!
THE CAR RATTLES! AND JUST LISTEN TO THOSE NOISY EXHAUSTS!
MY INCESSANT COMPLAINTS HAVE SURE BUGGED SUPERGIRL! NOW FOR THE MASTER STROKE!

SUDDENLY, KIM VEERS OFF THE ROAD, PRESSES DOWN ON THE ACCELERATOR, AND...
OOPS! WE'VE TAKEN A TURN FOR THE WORSE!
I'LL SAVE YOU AND THE CAR!
I JUST KNEW YOU WOULD, STUPID FEMALE!
AND AS SUPERGIRL STREAKS TO A NEARBY TRAWLER WITHIN A SPLIT-SECOND...
I WANT TO DO A SPECIAL JOB TO IMPRESS KIM!
I'LL BORROW THESE FISHING NETS AND STRETCH THEM ABOVE THE ROCKS!
AT THE LAST INSTANT, A SUPER-TRAMPOLINE HALTS THE SPORTS CAR'S DOWNWARD PLUNGE..
DON'T EXPECT ANY GRATITUDE, SUPER-GIRL! IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR CRUMMY CAR, I WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN THAT DROP!
THAT LINE SHOULD START THE TEARS FLOWING!
I-I JUST SAVED HIS LIFE... HOW CAN KIM BE SO CRUEL? HE'S... INHUMAN!
HOW RIGHT YOU ARE, SUPERGIRL!
BECAUSE KIM IS NOT WHAT HE SEEMS! FOR THE FULL LOWDOWN, WE MUST TURN TIME BACK A WEEK... TO A PRISON PLANETOID IN A FAR DISTANT SOLAR SYSTEM
DID YOU REALLY HAVE A DIFFERENT GIRL ON EVERY PLANET, KIMOR?
A GIRL? I HAD SWARMS OF THEM! BEFORE I GOT TOSSED IN HERE, NO FEMALE COULD RESIST MY CHARM!
BUT THAT NIGHT, IN KIMOR'S CELL, THE DEBONAIR LAD RECEIVED A STRANGE MESSAGE...
THIS IS FROM BRAINIAC-- ONE OF THE MOST INFAMOUS CRIMINALS IN THE GALAXY! IT EXPLAINS HOW HE'S GOING TO FREE ME FROM PRISON TOMORROW!
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AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AT THE PRECISE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE MESSAGE...

SO **THIS** IS WHY **BRAINIAC** HAD ME STAND **HERE**! IT'S THE ONLY SPOT PROTECTED FROM THAT **RAIN OF KNOCK-OUT CHEMICALS**, WHICH IS CLOBBERING EVERY-ONE ELSE IN THE YARD!

AFTER BEING TAKEN ABOARD A SHIP, KIM MET **BRAINIAC**, THE EVIL COMPUTER IN HUMAN FORM, AND A LONGTIME FOE OF **SUPERMAN** AND **SUPERGIRL**...

A **ROBOT** DUPLICATE OF **ME**! BUT WHY?

IT WILL BE MY **SECRET WEAPON** AGAINST **SUPER-GIRL**! HOWEVER, IT STILL LACKS THE MOST **VITAL** ELEMENT--YOUR **PERSONALITY**, KIMOR!

SOON, IN A SPECIAL COMPARTMENT.

THE **RECEPTOR-PILLOW** WILL DUPLICATE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS THAT GIVE YOU TOTAL DOMINATION OVER THE OPPOSITE SEX AND TRANSFER IT TO MY ROBOT!

SO THAT'S WHY HE CHOSE **ME** AS THE MODEL..SO HE'D END UP WITH A ROBOT GIRLS CAN'T RESIST!

AS THE FANTASTIC **PILLOW** DID ITS JOB, **BRAINIAC** LEFT MOMENTARILY TO CHECK THE **EJECTOR TORPS**...

I SLIPPED KIMOR A **SLEEP POTION** SO HE WON'T STRUGGLE WHEN I PLACE HIM IN A **TORP** AND SEND HIM TO A NEARBY PRIMITIVE WORLD, WHERE HE'LL BE STRANDED FOR GOOD!

AND UPON THE COMPUTER CROOK'S RETURN...

KIMOR SUCCUMBED ONLY MOMENTS AFTER DRINKING THE FORMULA, MASTER!

FINE! LET'S SEND HIM OFF THE SHIP BEFORE HE AWAKENS!

THUS BRAINIAC WAS LEFT WITH HIS SYNTHETIC VERSION OF YOUNG KIMOR...A FLAWLESS SERVANT WHO WOULD DO ANYTHING HE ASKED...

WEAR THIS **MEDALLION** AT ALL TIMES--IT'S A COMMUNICATOR YOU WILL USE TO REPORT YOUR PROGRESS TO ME! YOU KNOW YOUR MISSION?

YES--FIND **SUPERGIRL**... MEET HER...GET HER TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ME...THEN **DESTROY** HER!

AH! YOU CERTAINLY ABSORBED KIMOR'S PERSONALITY, ROBOT! SUPERGIRL DOESN'T HAVE A PRAYER NOW!

I'VE SOME REPAIRS TO MAKE... BUT IN A FEW HOURS MY MONITOR SCREENS WILL BE OPERATING AND I'LL OBSERVE YOU IN ACTION!

ONCE AGAIN, AN EJECTION-TORP WAS RELEASED FROM THE SHIP..

I'M SENDING YOU DOWN NEAR STANHOPE COLLEGE... IT'S BEEN RUMORED THAT SUPERGIRL IS A STUDENT THERE IN HER SECRET IDENTITY!

SO STANHOPE GOT A NEW "TRANSFER STUDENT" WHO CALLS HIMSELF KIMBERLY O'RYAN... AND WHO HAS BROKEN ONE GIRL'S HEART... TWICE...

I'VE MET KIM AS LINDA DANVERS, TOO... AND HE KNOWS THAT I'VE FALLEN FOR HIM LIKE A TON OF BRICKS!

WHAT HE DOESN'T DREAM IS THAT LINDA AND SUPERGIRL ARE THE SAME PERSON!

WHILE ACROSS THE CAMPUS, IN THE DESERTED FOOTBALL STADIUM...

...BUT, BRAINIAC, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR METHODS ARE ACHIEVING! I'VE MET SUPERGIRL -- AND SHE'S FLIPPED FOR ME! BUT HOW CAN SCORNING HER DESTROY HER?

PERHAPS YOU HAVE FAULTY CIRCUITS, KIM... A ROBOT DOESN'T QUESTION ITS MASTER! YOU MUST FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS! LET ME CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR VITAL COMPONENTS ARE IN ORDER...

YOUR CAPACITATORS LOOK FINE! NEXT, USE THE DANVERS GIRL AGAIN... SHE SEEMS TO KNOW SUPERGIRL. HAVE HER SET UP A MIDNIGHT RENDEZVOUS BETWEEN YOU!

ROGER AND OUT!

LATER, AT THE CAMPUS SWEET SHOP, THE HANDSOME LAD MAKES HIS REQUEST...
ARRANGE A MEETING FOR YOU WITH SUPERGIRL? WHY SHOULD I? I'VE HEARD YOU TREAT HER THE SAME WAY YOU TREAT ME... LIKE DIRT!
SHUT UP! YOU'LL DO WHAT I TELL YOU...AND THAT'S THAT!
MMMM... HE'S RIGHT! I WILL MEET HIM AT MIDNIGHT--AS SUPERGIRL! BECAUSE EVERY SECOND I'M AWAY FROM HIM IS AGONY!
YES! IT LOOKS AS IF THE STANHOPE SENSATION IS HOPELESSLY, MISERABLY IN LOVE WITH BRAINIAC'S LADY-KILLER CREATION!
LATER, AS AN IMPATIENT LINDA FILLS THE LAST HOURS BEFORE MIDNIGHT BY ASSISTING SOME CLASSMATES...
HERE'S SOME MORE COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS, BOYS! HEY, WHAT'S SO FASCINATING?
COULD BE BAD VIBRATIONS, LINDA!
OUR DETECTION EQUIPMENT HAS PICKED UP A WEIRD SIGNAL EMANATING FROM THE CAMPUS PARK!
I'M AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING MAJOR, BUT I'VE NEVER COME ACROSS ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
IT'S SOME KIND OF ENERGY-FREQUENCY UNKNOWN TO SCIENCE!
STANHOPE CAMPUS
AT THIS PRECISE MOMENT, WE JOIN THE SOURCE OF THE SIGNAL...
IT'S ALL SET... I'M MEETING SUPERGIRL IN ONE HOUR ON THE ROOF OF THE ASSEMBLY HALL HERE ON CAMPUS! BUT WHAT WILL I SAY TO HER?
WHATEVER POPS INTO YOUR LITTLE CIRCUITS, KIM! I'LL HAVE MY SCREEN FOCUSED ON THAT ROOF AT MIDNIGHT! OVER AND OUT!
LOWLY MACHINE! IF IT ONLY KNEW...
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...I'VE ALREADY PROGRAMMED ITS DIALOGUE FOR THE MEETING ON A DICTA-CARTRIDGE! AT MIDNIGHT, I'LL INSERT THIS INTO THE CENTRAL CONTROL UNIT HERE AND THE ANDROID WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY COMPELLED TO SPEAK THE RIGHT WORDS!
"... I CAN SEE IT NOW. SUPERGIRL WILL ARRIVE, EXPECTING ANOTHER DOSE OF KIMOR'S ABUSE--AND SHE'LL GET IT..."
LINDA GAVE ME YOUR MESSAGE, KIM! I'M HERE, AS YOU ASKED.
YOU STUPID FOOL! YOU HAD TO COME, DIDN'T YOU?
"BUT THIS TIME SHE'LL HEAR SOMETHING SHE ISN'T EXPECTING..."
I THOUGHT SUPERGIRL-- THE MOST POPULAR FEMALE ON EARTH--MIGHT BE DIFFERENT. I WAS HOPING YOU'D BE THE ONE GIRL WHO WOULDN'T THROW HERSELF AT MY FEET.
BUT NO! YOU TOOK MY ROTTEN TREATMENT AND KEPT COMING BACK FOR MORE! YOU ACTED LIKE A WHIMPERING PUPPY!
WELL, I'VE HAD IT! IF EVEN SUPERGIRL CAN'T PLEASE ME, NO GIRL CAN! I'VE NOTHING TO LIVE FOR NOW...
"THEN KIM WILL BE FORCED TO PRESS A CONCEALED BUTTON ON H'S MEDALLION COMMUNICATOR... AND..."
...SO I'LL STOP LIVING!!
KAARROOOM!
OH, NO! NO!!

"SUPERGIRL WILL BE OBSESSED BY GRIEF! SHE'LL THINK A YOUNG MAN SHE LOVED DESTROYED HIMSELF, BECAUSE SHE FAILED HIM..."
SUPERGIRL HAS VOWED TO QUIT HER SUPER-CAREER IF SHE EVER BREAKS HER CODE AND DESTROYS A HUMAN LIFE! SINCE SHE'LL HOLD HERSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR KIM'S DEATH--SHE'LL THROW IN THE TOWEL AND RETIRE!
"THE EXPLOSION WILL WIPE OUT EVERY TRACE OF 'KIM'! SHE'LL NEVER KNOW ALL THAT 'DIED' WAS A LIFELESS ROBOT!"
AND SO THE FATEFUL HOUR OF MIDNIGHT ARRIVES...
BRAINIAC OBVIOUSLY HAS SOMETHING PLANNED FOR THIS MEETING ...BUT WHY DIDN'T HE INFORM ME, HIS OWN AGENT?
BUT THEN THE GIRL OF STEEL SHOWS UP AND BRAINIAC'S DIABOLICAL DRAMA IS ABOUT TO BEGIN...
SO YOU MADE THE SCENE! I GUESS LINDA DANVERS RELAYED MY MESSAGE!
HOWEVER, THE SCRIPT HAS BEEN CHANGED...
HUH!? WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
SOMETHING I SHOULD HAVE DONE LONG AGO!
GREAT ANDROMEDA! THE PROBABILITY I COMPUTED WAS 99.9958 PER CENT THAT SUPERGIRL WOULD BEHAVE EXACTLY AS I HAD ENVISIONED!
SO WHY IS SHE DOING THIS?

AND THAT'S NOT ALL! I INSERTED THE DICTA-CARTRIDGE--YET MY ROBOT DID NOT SPEAK ITS PROGRAMMED DIALOGUE! EVERY-THING IS GOING WRONG!
MEANWHILE, MILLIONS OF MILES AWAY IN DEEP SPACE..
YOU THREW THIS SPACE-SUIT AND HELMET ON ME WITHOUT SAYING A WORD! NOW I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING, SUPERGIRL?
YOU'LL FIND OUT, K.M... AND YOU'LL WISH YOU HADN'T!
THE NEXT MOMENT, A GIGANTIC, GROTESQUE SHAPE LOOMS IN THE DARKNESS AHEAD...
SUPERGIRL--W-WE'RE FLYING INTO THE MOUTH OF THAT MONSTER!
KIM DOESN'T REALIZE THAT THIS IS A MOCK DRAGON... BUILT LONG AGO BY AN EXTINCT ALIEN RACE TO CAMOUFLAGE THEIR SACRED BURIAL GROUND!
THERE ARE A DOZEN GUYS HERE--ALL TURNED TO SOLID ROCK!
THIS IS MY "ROCK GARDEN". EACH OF THESE BOYS HAD A BRIEF ROMANCE WITH ME... BUT I BROKE OFF WITH THEM... AS YOU BROKE OFF WITH ME, KIM! TAKE OFF YOUR SPACE-SUIT!
SO I DID THEM A FAVOR. BY LEARNING THE PETRIFYING PROCESS OF THE ANCIENT CREATORS OF THIS CAVERN, I'VE PRESERVED THESE GUYS SO THEY'LL NEVER GROW OLD! I'VE GOT MY PRIVATE "ROCK GROUP"! HA, HA!

SUDDENLY, THE GIRL OF MIGHT TOUCHES KIM'S HEAD... WITH STARTLING RESULTS
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING, NOW?
THE SOIL UNDER US CONTAINS LIVING MINERALS! MY TOUCH COMPLETED AN ENERGY CIRCUIT WHICH ACTIVATED THE PETRIFYING PHENOMENON THAT TURNED THE OTHERS TO STONE!
SECONDS LATER, THE HORRIFIED LAD LOOKS DOWN TO SEE...
PLEASE, SUPERGIRL, DON'T PETRIFY MY BODY! I NEVER WANTED TO HURT YOU... I WAS ONLY OBEYING COMMANDS!
WHOSE?
MINE!
BRAINIAC!
GET ME OUT OF THIS, MASTER... BEFORE I OVERLOAD MY CIRCUITS! I'M TURNING TO STONE!
THE GAME'S UP, LAD--I KNOW YOU'RE THE REAL KIMOR! YOU SWITCHED PLACES WITH MY ROBOT WHILE I WASN'T WATCHING...
"YES, BRAINIAC...I DID IT WHILE YOU WERE INSPECTING THE SHIP'S EJECTION TORPS..."
I PULLED A CAPACITATOR FROM THE ROBOT'S CHEST-PLATE TO DEACTIVATE IT! I'LL LET BRAINIAC THINK IT'S ME, KNOCKED OUT FROM HIS SLEEP POTION -- WHILE I POSE AS THE ROBOT!
DOUBTLESSLY YOU RIGGED THIS FAKE CHEST-PLATE DURING THOSE FIRST FEW HOURS, WHEN MY MONITOR SCREENS WERE INOPERATIVE! YOU HAD ME FOOLED, KIMOR -- UNTIL THE MIDNIGHT RENDEZVOUS, WHEN SUPERGIRL SHOWED UP!

I'M A COMPUTER--THERE'S NO ROOM IN MY PLANS FOR HUMAN ERROR! WHEN YOU DIDN'T PERFORM THE PROGRAMMED DIALOGUE, I KNEW THERE COULD ONLY BE ONE REASON -- YOU WEREN'T MY ROBOT!
A MOMENT LATER, POOR KIMOR IS A STONE STATUE...
THAT'S THE FINISH OF HIM! NOBODY TRICKS BRAINIAC WITHOUT PAYING A SEVERE PENALTY! BUT YOU SAVED ME THE TROUBLE, SUPERGIRL!
NOW IT'S JUST YOU AND ME...AND I CAN'T LET YOU GET AWAY!
HOW CAN YOU STOP ME? NOTHING CAN PENETRATE MY ULTRA FORCE-SHIELD...NOT EVEN YOUR SUPER-POWERS! SEE IT REPEL THIS DESTRUCT-RAY!
¡ULP! HE'S RIGHT! NEITHER SUPERMAN NOR I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CRACK THAT AURA HIS BELT PRODUCES!
BUT SUDDENLY, THE SPACE-OUTLAW PULLS A LAST-MINUTE SURPRISE...
MY GUN HAS ANOTHER CHAMBER ...FOR EJECTING ADHESIVE LIQUID KRYPTONITE!
OHHH...KRYPTONITE IS THE ONE SUBSTANCE DEADLY TO ME! GETTING WEAK...
PERSONALLY, I PREFER MY ORIGINAL ANTI-SUPER-GIRL PLAN...WHICH WOULD HAVE INFLICTED MENTAL TORMENT ON YOU FOR YEARS! BUT KIM RUINED IT!
SO I MUST SETTLE FOR THE CRUDE PLEASURE OF JUST KILLING YOU!
FAREWELL, SUPERGIRL! I'M TELEPORTING MYSELF BACK TO MY SHIP! AT LEAST YOU'LL REST IN PEACE NOW, WITH YOUR SUITORS! HA, HA...
¡CHOKE! ...ANOTHER MINUTE AND THIS KRYPTONITE "BUBBLE-BATH" WILL FINISH ME!
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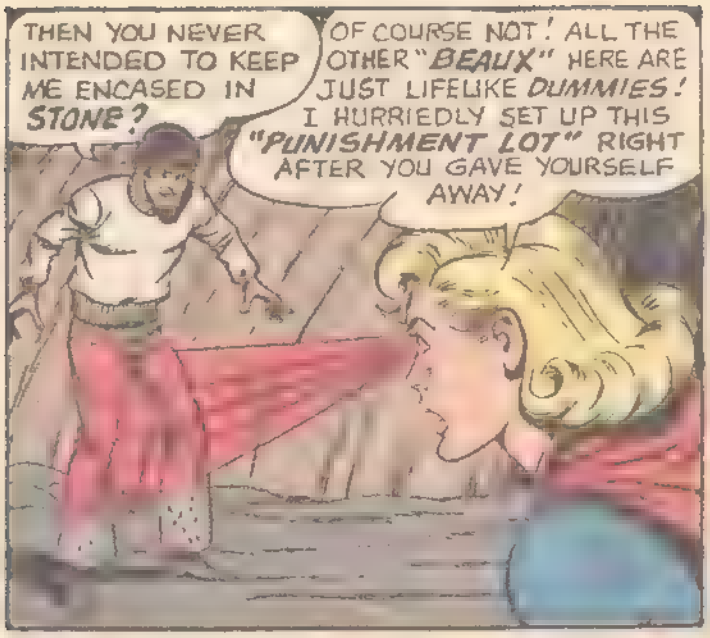
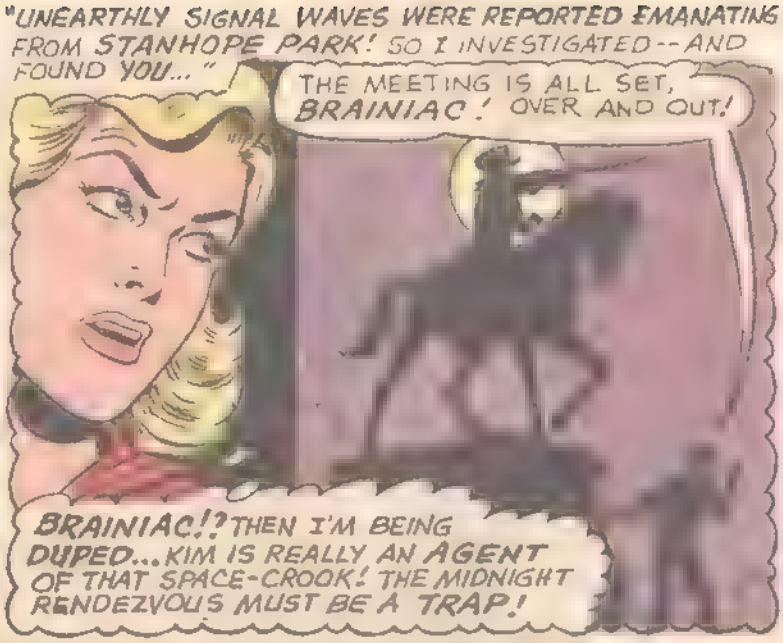
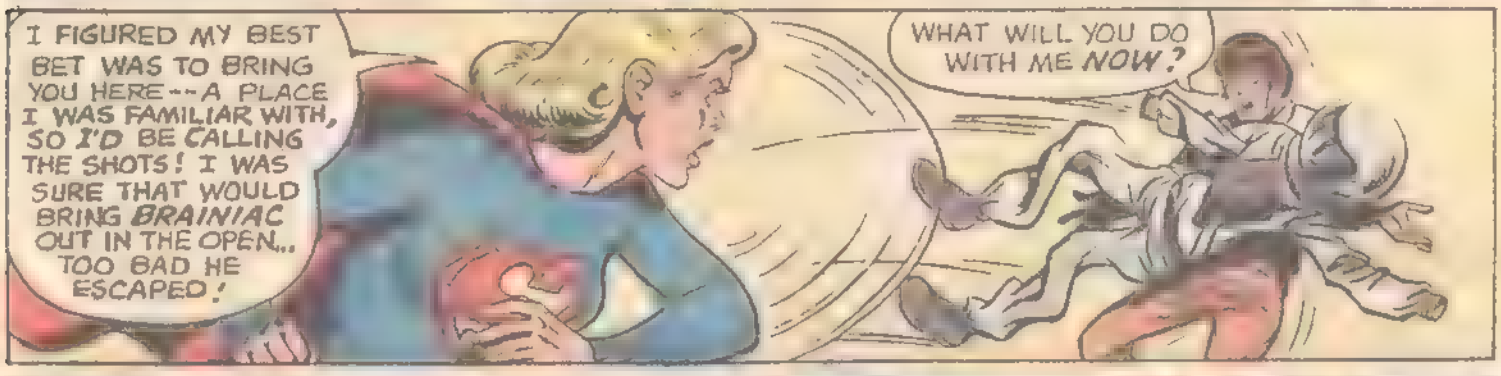
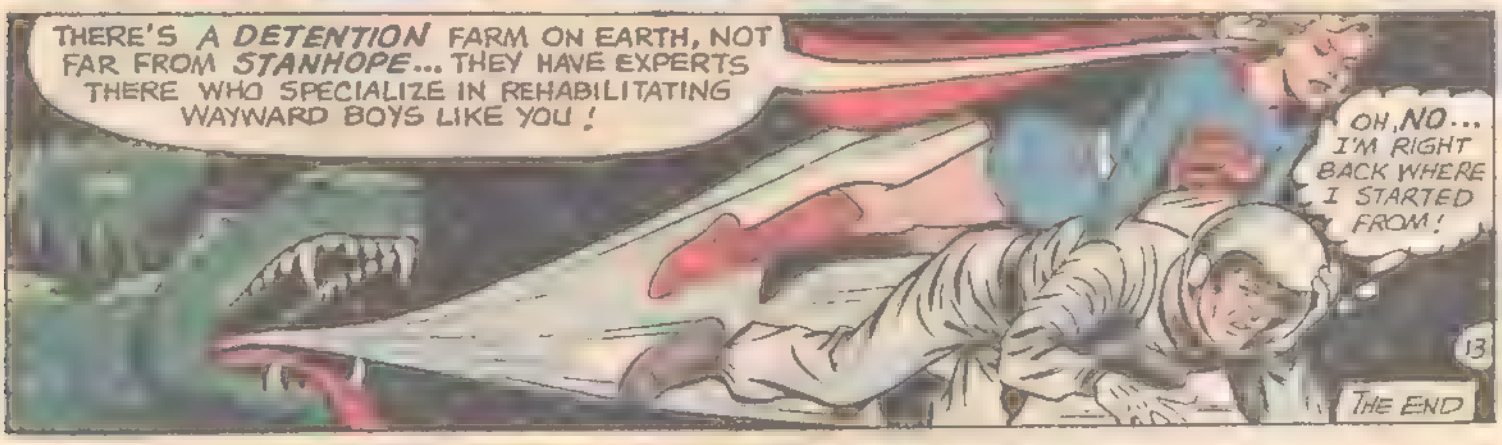
AFTER BRAINIAC LEAVES, THE DYING SUPERGIRL SUMMONING UP HER LAST OUNCE OF STRENGTH, TURNS TOWARD KIM..
I STILL HAVE SOME OF MY HEAT VISION...MAYBE ENOUGH TO RELEASE HIM!
THE LIVING MINERALS WILL RECEDE BACK INTO THE GROUND FROM THE SLIGHTEST HEAT... I ONLY MEANT TO IMPRISON KIM FOR A SHORT TIME TO TEACH HIM A LESSON!
BUT SUPERGIRL CAN ONLY DO HALF OF THE JOB BEFORE HER LAST POWER FADES.
SUPERGIRL--I SAW EVERYTHING! BUT I'M STILL TRAPPED UP TO THE WAIST! I CAN'T HELP YOU!
Y-YES, YOU CAN! RIP OFF YOUR MEDALLION... THROW IT TO ME!
HOW CAN THAT HELP?
WHEN I CHECKED IT WITH MY X-RAY VISION, I SAW AN EXPLOSIVE DETONATOR IN THAT NECKLACE!
FEEBLE, GREEN-SOAKED FINGERS CLUTCH AND GROPE...
...UNTIL A BUTTON IS PRESSED!
KAA-BOOM!
STARS OF SCORPIO! ALL THIS TIME--I WAS WEARING A BOOBY-TRAP!
YES...AND AS I HOPED, THE BLAST EVAPORATED ALL TRACES OF THE GREEN K BUBBLES! MY POWERS ARE RETURNING!


THEN YOU NEVER INTENDED TO KEEP ME ENCASED IN STONE?
OF COURSE NOT! ALL THE OTHER "BEAUX" HERE ARE JUST LIFELIKE DUMMIES! I HURRIEDLY SET UP THIS "PUNISHMENT LOT" RIGHT AFTER YOU GAVE YOURSELF AWAY!


"UNEARTHLY SIGNAL WAVES WERE REPORTED EMANATING FROM STANHOPE PARK! SO I INVESTIGATED--AND FOUND YOU..."
THE MEETING IS ALL SET, BRAINIAC! OVER AND OUT!
BRAINIAC!? THEN I'M BEING DUPED... KIM IS REALLY AN AGENT OF THAT SPACE-CROOK! THE MIDNIGHT RENDEZVOUS MUST BE A TRAP!


I FIGURED MY BEST BET WAS TO BRING YOU HERE--A PLACE I WAS FAMILIAR WITH, SO I'D BE CALLING THE SHOTS! I WAS SURE THAT WOULD BRING BRAINIAC OUT IN THE OPEN... TOO BAD HE ESCAPED!
WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH ME NOW?


THERE'S A DETENTION FARM ON EARTH, NOT FAR FROM STANHOPE... THEY HAVE EXPERTS THERE WHO SPECIALIZE IN REHABILITATING WAYWARD BOYS LIKE YOU!
OH, NO... I'M RIGHT BACK WHERE I STARTED FROM!
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THE END

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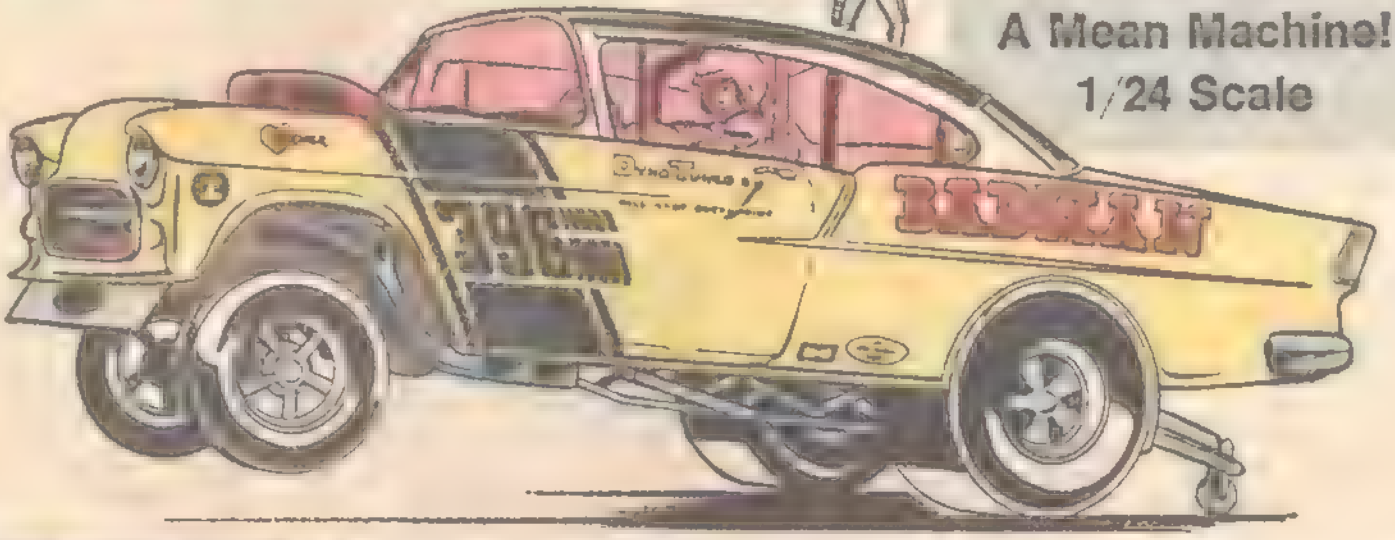

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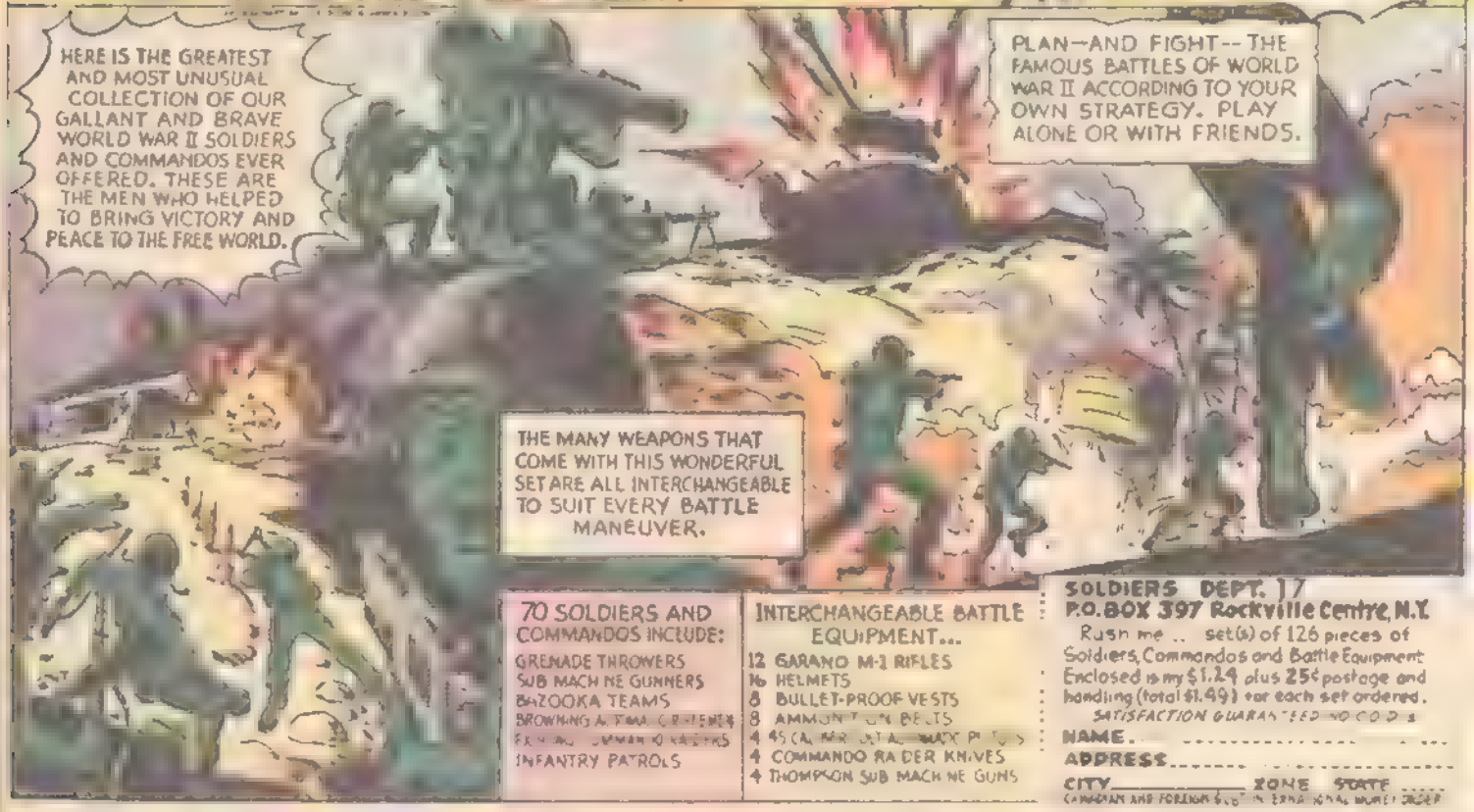
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Dear Editor:

"Supergirl's Big Sister" was good, but "Kranna" made another mistake besides the one Supergirl caught her in. If you can't spot it, I will point out that Luthor made the same mistake when he impersonated a Kryptonian in "The Phantom Zone Fugitive," a Superboy story published several years ago.

—Richard H. Morrissey, Framingham, Mass.

(Right—"Kranna" wore the letter "K" on her costume. And there is no letter that looks like that in the Kryptonian alphabet. So her impersonation was far from A-OK—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

As you have stated before, Superman's birthday is February 29, Clark Kent's is June 18, and Supergirl's is...is...aahhh...golly! I don't think you've ever mentioned anything about it! IT ISN'T FAIR! Here's a pretty girl with super-powers, who deserves two birthdays (Supergirl's and Linda Danvers') and you don't even give her *one!* Give her a break and tell us what those birthdays are.

—Joe DeShon, Macon, Mo.

(Okay—Supergirl's Kryptonian birthday corresponds to September 22 on our calendar. And as Linda, she took the day she arrived on Earth—April 11. Did you plan to send her two birthday cards a year? —Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I was just sitting here thinking, and a thought occurred to me. (That often happens when I think.) Now that Supergirl is in ADVENTURE, will her GIANT issues switch from ACTION to ADVENTURE? By the way, aren't you glad I didn't point out some stupid mistake, but asked a stupid question instead?

—Gregory Kent, Goleta, Calif.

(We didn't think it was stupid. It gives us a chance to tell you that the SUPERGIRL GIANT will be an issue of ADVENTURE from now on—and it will be out January 13. Watch for it—it's a special romance issue, featuring some of the best Supergirl love stories.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Why is Supergirl so reluctant to use her fists on anyone? There have been a number of times when giving someone a good beating would have saved her a lot of trouble. For example, in ADVENTURE 381, she could have beaten a confession out of Maxom and saved herself some time.

—Leonard Philip Zinna, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(Sure—and that kind of "time-saver" would have been thrown right out of court, since forced confessions are not admissable as evidence. More likely, Supergirl would have wound up on trial for assault and battery, or—if she forgot herself and hit too hard—murder! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In "The Jilting of Supergirl," couldn't Raynor have given Supergirl some of the special elixir, so she'd be sure to have powers in his underground kingdom? And couldn't the elixir give Lois Lane super-powers, so she would be able to marry Superman?

—Steve Walker, Portland, Ore.

(Possibly, but there's a very important hitch. The Inner-World laws are very severe in penalizing anyone who passes out the elixir to people without royal blood. If Raynor gave it to Supergirl and Lois, he'd be banished from his own land, prince or no prince.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In ADVENTURE No. 182, Superman was almost killed when Supergirl's heat vision struck him. But in SUPERBOY No. 154, Superboy says that his heat vision can't harm Krypto. Please explain that.

—Avi Goldstein, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(Normally that's true. But if Superboy's heat vision had been intensified, as Supergirl's was in issue 182, Krypto would have been a super-HOT dog.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In the letter column of the September issue, you state that "Supergirl *can* cry and has done it many times." Aw, come on, fellows! Though I agree with you that she can cry *physically*, don't you think you could be a bit more realistic? A girl who flies faster than a speeding bullet, shatters a block of steel with one blow, laughs at H-bombs and lifts 100 tons, should have a little more emotional control. Yet TWICE in issue 384, Supergirl was shown crying!

—Andrew Fox, Tarzana, Calif.

(And she'll cry again when she feels the need. Sure, she could hold back her tears. But experts say bottling up your emotions can be bad for you, psychologically. That goes for super-beings, too. So even Superman occasionally sheds some tears, as he did in a recent JIMMY OLSEN issue.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

You made a super-mistake in issue 384 of ADVENTURE. In the second story, a girl breaks the lenses of her glasses, so Supergirl replaces them with ICE, chilled to the hardness of steel. IMPOSSIBLE. Even if she could get it that hard, it would still melt. Also, ice isn't crystal-clear; it has bubbles in it. And if the girl touched the ice lenses, wouldn't she feel the cold? Where did you get your info—from a comic mag?

—Peter Sabatini, Jr., San Diego, Calif.

(No—we got it from a writer who had a brilliant idea for a new type of low-cost glasses. Only now he sees bubble-like spots before his eyes and his nose is frostbitten.—Ed.)

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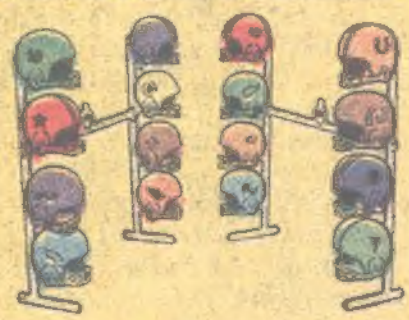

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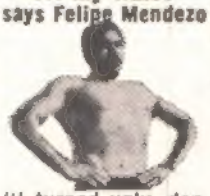

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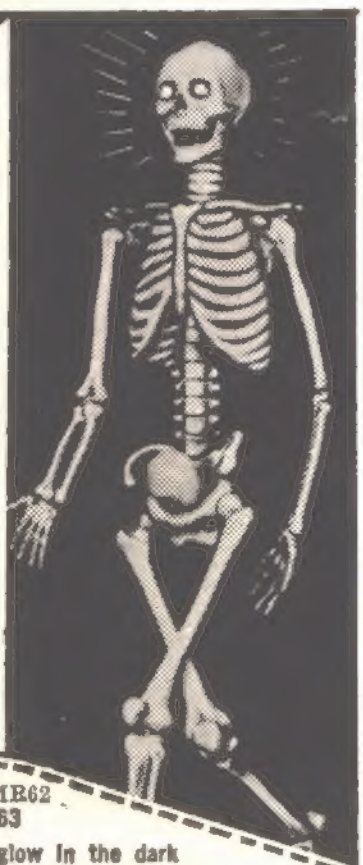

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